



**Request for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Art Unit	2186
Examiner Name	Woo H. Choi
Attorney Docket No.	MAT-8048US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
ii. Other _____.

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other _____.

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____.

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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
ii. Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
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Appln. No: 09/700,474
Applicant: Akiyoshi Yamashita
Filed: February 5, 2001
Title: METHOD OF CREATING A PLURALITY OF PARTITIONS
ON REMOVABLE DEVICE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page _____ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.